



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Thomas David Starkey
Serial No.: 10/619,985
Filed: June 3, 2005
For: A Device And Method To Limit Filling Of The Heart
Group Art Unit: 3738
Examiner: Bruce Snow
Attorney's Docket No.: N9464-ICW
Customer No.: 23456

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Applicant hereby requests a two month extension of time within which to respond to outstanding Office Action in the above style matter. Applicant is a small entity and a check in the amount of \$225 made payable to the Director of the USPTO for the petition fee is enclosed.

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Request for Extension of Time, Applicant is filing a notice of appeal of the final Office Action.

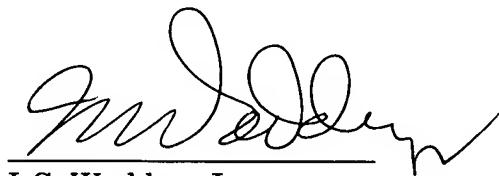
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The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment associated with the filing of this Response to Deposit Account 23-0035.

Respectfully submitted,



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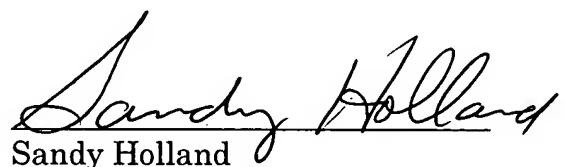
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on June 2, 2005.



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